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SUBJ: IRON ORE PRODUCERS/EXPORTERS MEETING

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1. ROD HALL, COMMODITY POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OVERSEAS TRADE TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER MARCH 28 THAT GOA IS REPRESENTED AT MARCH 26-29 GENEVA MEETING OF IRON ORE EXPORTERS BY TWO DOT OFFICERS FROM LONDON AND GENEVA MISSIONS. THEY ARE QTE OBSERVERS END QTE THERE TO QTE LISTEN AND REPORT ONLY END QTE, HALL SAYS. MEETING IS CONSIDERING QTE PRESENT IRON ORE MARKETING SITUATION END QTE, PARTICULARLY EFFECTS OF FREIGHT COST RISES AND OF GENERAL WORLD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. HALL CONCEDED THAT QTE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARKETING IRON ORE END QTE MAY ALSO BE DISCUSSED BUT ADDED GOA WILL MAKE NO COMMITMENTS ON THIS.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: MORE SENIOR DOT OFFICIALS (BRIAN HALL AND LAEC MCGOLDRICK) INDICATED PRIVATELY
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IN DISCUSSING GOA ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL BAUXITE

ASSOCIATION LAST MONTH (REF B) THAT GOA HOPES TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS OF EXPORTERS OTHER MINIERALS. IRON ORE, COPPER AND TUNGSTEN MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY. HOWEVER, DESPITE ITS EAGERNESS TO BE SEEN AS SUPPORTER OF LDC MINIERAL EXPORTERS, GOA REMAINS WARY OF APPEARING TO QTE GANG UP END QTE ON CONSUMER NATIONS AND MAY PROVE TO BE RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON POTENTIAL OPEC-IMITATORS.
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